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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY, AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

ALEXANDER PURDIE, PRINTER.

In COMMITTEE, *at* Hanover *town, the 21ſt day of September* 1775.

RESOLVED, *that it is the opinion of this committee, that the commiſſary or contractor appointed in each diſtrict ſhould provide for the battalion thereof under the ſaid appointment the ſeveral articles neceſſary for their encampment and diſcipline, deſcribed by an ordinance of Convention as follows, to wit:* TENTS *of the ſame kind as directed for the regulars,* KETTLES, CANTEENS, DRUMS, FIFES, *and a ſtand of* COLOURS, *with the following motto on one ſide,*

VIRGINIA.
FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY.

And on the other ſide, the name of the diſtrict.

(a copy)

JOHN PENDLETON, jun. clerk.

THE COMMITTEE *of* SAFETY *earneſtly recommend it to the committees of the ſeveral counties to loſe no time in collecting and forwarding the* PUBLICK ARMS, *according to the order of Convention; and alſo, to elect their militia officers, where it is not done, and forward their certificates to this committee, that commiſſions may be made out, and the militia embodied as ſoon as poſſible. By order of the committee.*

JOHN PENDLETON, jun. clerk.

AT a committee held for *Glouceſter* county, at the courthouſe of the ſaid county, on the 13th day of September 1775.

Preſent the chairman and 32 members.

Agreeable to the ordinance of the Convention, the following gentlemen were nominated officers in the militia, for the county of *Glouceſter*.

Warner Lewis, eſq; county lieutenant.
Sir *John Peyton*, baronet, colonel.
Thomas Whiting, gent. lieutenant-colonel.
Thomas Boſwell, gent. major.

CAPTAINS.

Gibſon Cloverius. John Camp. Richard Matthews. George Booth. Jaſper Clayton. John Hubard. James Hubard. John Whiting. John Billups, ſen. *Benjamin Shackelford. John Willis. Robert Matthews. William Buckner. John Dixon. Richard Billups*, and *William Smith.*

LIEUTENANTS.

Samuel Cary. Richard Hall. John Foſter. James Baytop. Thomas Buckner. George Green. William Sears. James Bentley. Edward Matthews. John Billups, jun. *Dudley Cary. Hugh Hayes. Churchhill Armiſtead. Philip Tabb. John Foſter*, jun. and *Robert Gayle.*

ENSIGNS.

Henry Stevens. William Daws. William Haywood. Thomas Baytop. John Fox. James Laughlin. William Bentley. Chriſtopher Garland. Peter Bernard. John Hayes. Samuel Eddins. Thomas Tabb. Richard Davis. Joſiah Foſter. George Plummer, and *John Gale.*

Mr. Purdie is deſired to publiſh the above in his gazette.

JASPER CLAYTON, clerk.

The following addreſs was preſented to lord DUNMORE, by the corporation of NORFOLK, in conſequence of mr. Holt, printer of that borough, being robbed of his printing materials, and his ſervants carried off, by order of his lordſhip.

To his excellency the right hon. John *earl of* DUNMORE, *his majeſty's lieutenant and governour-general of the colony and dominion of* Virginia, *&c. &c.*

WE his majeſty's faithful ſubjects, the mayor, aldermen, and common council of the borough of Norfolk, in common hall aſſembled, beg leave to repreſent to your lordſhip, that on this day a party of men under the command of capt. Squire, of the Otter ſloop of war, lying in this harbour, landed, in the moſt publick part of this borough, in the moſt daring manner, and in open violation of the peace and good order, ſeized on the printing utenſils belonging to an inhabitant of this town, as well as the perſons of two of his family.

We beg leave alſo to repreſent to your lordſhip, that this act is both illegal and riotous, and that, together with a muſket ball fired into the town yeſterday, from on board the King Fiſher, has greatly alarmed and incenſed the inhabitants, and has occaſioned a great number of the women and children to abandon this borough, and that, if theſe arbitrary proceedings paſs unnoticed by your lordſhip, as chief magiſtrate of this colony, that none of the inhabitants are ſafe from inſult and abuſe. We therefore, as our duty, repreſent this matter to your lordſhip, for your interpoſition.

We, my lord, as men, and as a common hall, have ever preſerved the peace of this town, and have never prevented the ſhips of war, and others, from being ſupplied with proviſions, or any other neceſſaries, and have carefully avoided offering any inſult to any of his majeſty's ſervants. We had therefore hoped, that the inhabitants would never have been moleſted in their lawful buſineſs. We are ſorry, however, to have it in our power to ſtate this fact to your lordſhip; which we muſt, and do think, a groſs violation of all that men and freemen can hold dear.

Allow us to obſerve to your lordſhip, that if the inhabitants had been diſpoſed to repel inſult, that they were ſufficiently able either to have cut off, or taken priſoners, the ſmall party that came on ſhore; and this, we hope, is another proof of their peaceable intentions.

We the mayor, aldermen, and common council of the borough of Norfolk, do moſt earneſtly entreat your lordſhip that the captains of the men of war may not reduce the inhabitants to the dreadful alternative of defending their perſons, or tamely ſuffering themſelves to be abuſed, and requeſt that your lordſhip will interpoſe your authority to put a final ſtop to ſuch violent infringements of our rights, and to order the perſons ſeized on by capt. Squire, to be immediately put on ſhore, and the property to be replaced from whence it was taken.

To the mayor, aldermen, & common council, of the borough of NORFOLK.

GENTLEMEN,

I WAS an eye-witneſs to a party belonging to the Otter ſloop of war landing at the hour and place you mention, and *did* ſee them bring off two of the ſervants belonging to the printer, together with his printing utenſils; and I do really think they could not have rendered the borough of Norfolk, or the county adjacent to it, a more eſſential ſervice, than by depriving them of the means of *poiſoning the minds of the people*, and exciting in them the *ſpirit of rebellion and ſedition*, and by that means drawing inevitable ruin and deſtruction on themſelves and country. As to the illegality of the act, I am afraid ſome of you, in this very common hall aſſembled, ought to bluſh when you make uſe of the expreſſion; as *I know* you cannot but be conſcious that you have, by every means in your power, totally ſubverted the laws and conſtitution, and have been the adviſers and abetters in *throwing off all allegiance to that majeſty's crown and government* to whom you profeſs yourſelves faithful ſubjects. As to the muſket ball being fired into the town, *I do believe* there is not a man in it that is not ſatisfied it was an accident; and ſuch a one as, *I hope*, will not happen again. But with regard to your having ever preſerved the peace in your town, there is a recent proof of the contrary. As to your not repelling the inſult, as you call it, or taking priſoners, the ſmall party that was on ſhore, *I impute it* to ſome other reaſons (from your drums beating to arms during greateſt part of the time that the party was on ſhore) than to your peaceable intentions. As to your laſt requiſition, *I do aſſure* you that *every means in my power* ſhall be employed, both with the navy and army, to preſerve the peace, good order, and happineſs of the inhabitants of the borough of Norfolk, ſo long as they behave themſelves as faithful ſubjects to his majeſty. I expect, at the ſame time, that if any individual ſhall behave himſelf *as your printer has done*, by aſperſing the characters of his majeſty's ſervants, and others, in the moſt ſcurrilous, falſe, and ſcandalous manner, and by being *the inſtigator of treaſon and rebellion* againſt his majeſty's crown and government, and you do not take ſuch ſteps as the law directs to reſtrain ſuch offenders, *I do then expect* you will not be ſurpriſed if the military power interpoſes to prevent the total diſſolution of all *decency, order*, and *good government*. But *I promiſe* the printer, *on my honour*, if he will put himſelf and ſervants under *my* protection, that they ſhall not meet with the leaſt inſult, and ſhall be *permitted to print every occurrence that happens during theſe unhappy diſputes between the mother country and her colonies*, he only confining himſelf to *truth*, and repreſenting matters in a fair, candid, impartial manner, on both ſides. This, *I hope*, will convince you that *I had* nothing more in view, when *I requeſted* capt. Squire to ſeize the types, than that the

unhappy deluded publick might no longer remain in the dark concerning the preſent conteſt, but that they ſhould be furniſhed with a fair repreſentation of facts, which I know never can happen whilſt the *preſs remains under the controul of its preſent dictators*. DUNMORE.

To the right hon. the earl of DUNMORE.

My LORD,

THE repreſentation and remonſtrance of the gentlemen of Norfolk upon your late extraordinary conduct, and your anſwer thereto, demands the notice of the publick, and calls forth the following addreſs.

A ſtrict adherence to truth is ever neceſſary to give weight to aſſertion. The facts related here, and not teſtified by your anſwer to the gentlemen of Norfolk, will find their ſupport in *your hiſtory*, recent in the minds of many, or recorded in the annals of this colony. I was really at a loſs to diſcover what act of the unhappy printer had rendered him ſo obnoxious to you, until I looked into the Norfolk gazette of the preceding week, and there I find *your genealogy* deſcribed, which I confeſs reflects but little honour on your family; yet, as we preſume it to be truth, the recital could not juſtly ſubject the bare retailer to ſuch violence and oppreſſion. The diſgrace of your anceſtors could have little affected you, had *your character* been free from *guilt*; but when the *blood flows contaminated*, it is not difficult to inveſtigate the riſe and cauſe of *perfidy*. Had not this obſervation had its full force, your revenge could not have been ſo violent. But, my lord, you tell us you did it for the *good of the people*. In one inſtant, then, you become the *aſſerter of arbitrary power and deſpotick rule*; and, having avowed the hoſtile act, muſt await the publick judgment.

You have robbed forcibly two men of their freedom, without a hearing or trial; and you have deprived the publick of a *free preſs*, the property of a *free man*, and one of the criterions of a happy conſtitution.

The attempt, atrocious as it is, has been made in Britain; and had your lordſhip been capable of deriving wiſdom from experience, you would ſurely have declined the commiſſion of a crime againſt the publick ſtill more wicked and unwarrantable. Perhaps your renowned guardian *, unable to eſtabliſh this ſpecies of ſlavery amongſt the people of England, has, through you, begun the execution here. The ſtings and ſcourges of his machinations have, indeed, involved us in misfortune; but aſſure yourſelf, my lord, deep and diabolical as they are, this country will riſe triumphant over them all.

You have often ſaid, you contemn the man, why then will you imitate his vices? Can you ſo blind your underſtanding as ſeriouſly to think, what you affect to believe, that you have rendered a ſervice to the borough of Norfolk and the people adjacent? Although *not remarkable for penetration or ſagacity*, you cannot ſo far impoſe upon yourſelf as to believe man's happineſs is to be promoted by *ſlavery* or *ignorance*, both of which muſt be the effect of your proceeding. You muſt know, by our law, the perſons of the men, and property of the printer, were ſacred. How then could you dare invade the privileges of the one, or the property of the other, and thereby deprive the publick of a preſs, by which their wrongs are made known, and through which all knowledge is conveyed.

Muſt *Genius* then bow the neck, and court the ſmiles of NERO, while *fair Science* ſits melancholy, deploring her unhappy ſtate!

Do you, my lord, to whom nature has denied the *firſt of theſe bleſſings*, and who remains *unimproved by the latter*, ſuppoſe they can be ſubſervient to a controul like yours, guided by *paſſion*, and dictated by *folly*? Baniſh the thought, and at leaſt relinquiſh part of your depredation.

Can you vainly ſuppoſe, my lord, ſuch acts as theſe will paſs away with *impunity*? Not content with the miſchiefs your *debauchery* and *imprudence* have brought on this country, aided by your *falſe* and *diſgraceful* official letters, you now wiſh to complete your adminiſtration by *rapine* and *deſpotiſm*. Having baniſhed your *favourite*, by deception, you ſingly ſtalk the *deſtroyer of peace and good order*.

And yet, as if the meaſures of your guilt were not full, you have provoked the gentlemen of Norfolk to acts of violence, by upbraiding them with cowardice, that you might have an opportunity of venting your farther rage upon them by fire and ſword. To drive them ſtill farther to deſperation, you have *audaciouſly* declared you will interfere with the military, and call in the aid of the naval power, whenever you think proper to ſeize any perſon who ſhall act contrary to *your opinion*.

The charge, indeed, is grating; but your threat is intolerable. Who is there would hold his *liberty* on the *precarious tenure* of your lordſhip's *tyrannical mandate*? Your *cruelty*, exerciſed on thoſe who have unhappily fallen under your hands, would make the ſtate more than wretched; yet, under all this *deſpotiſm*, you *falſely* aſſert yourſelf a friend to his majeſty and government. Is then the end of government perverted ſo far from its original inſtitution as to make the miſery, inſtead of the good of mankind, its ultimate view? If it is, your lordſhip's is the character beſt adapted to complete and execute the purpoſe; for it may be truly ſaid, that your adminiſtration here has changed a happy people into a contrary ſtate, and widened that breach which every friend to his country meant to heal. Thus far have you executed, not the *deſire*, I hope, of *our prince*, but certainly the *deſigns* of an *abandoned miniſtry*.

The ſcope of your anſwer, and character, might carry me farther; but as you hate *long narratives*, I will reſerve my farther animadverſions to a future paper, and ſubſcribe myſelf,

Your's, &c. C.

* *Lord MANSFIELD.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 13.

YESTERDAY 37 members of Aſſembly met at the capitol, purſuant to their late adjournment; which not being a ſufficient number to proceed on buſineſs, they farther adjourned themſelves to the FIRST THURSDAY in MARCH next.

Since our laſt three companies of regulars have arrived, commanded by capt. Davis of Norfolk, capt. Parker of Weſtmoreland, and capt. Taliaferro of Caroline.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in this city, from one of the delegates from this colony to the Congreſs.

"We have hopes here of an accommodation with Great Britain, notwithſtanding the unfavourable anſwer his majeſty has given the city of London, and the order to governour Tryon for the men of war to beat down the towns, if we are not quiet. The miniſtry themſelves agree that IT MUST BE MADE UP, and will in all probability TAKE HOLD of the OFFER MADE THEM by the CONGRESS in their petition. Orders are ſent, it ſeems, to Boſton, to treat the people with lenity, and to ſuffer them to remove with their effects."

We hear that lord Dunmore has juſt received a reinforcement of ſoldiers from St. Auguſtine, to complete his corps of *banditti* to the number of 500; and that, by and by, he expects five regiments of the *ſame ſort of trumpery* from England, with which, no doubt, he expects to perform deeds *worthy of his noble anceſtors*.

THE COMMITTEE of SAFETY having appointed EDMUND PENDLETON and CARTER BRAXTON, eſquires, to let the building of a PUBLICK MAGAZINE at *Hanover* town, which is to be of *brick*, and in the *form* and *ſize* of that in *Williamſburg*, with ſuch a *wall* around it, they hereby give notice they will attend at the above place, on *tueſday* the 24th of this inſtant, to let the ſaid building agreeable to the reſolution, and expect ſuch undertakers to meet as are willing to undertake the ſame.

By order of the committee.

JOHN PENDLETON, jun. clerk.

At a meeting of the volunteer company of the county of CAROLINE, on tueſday the 29th of Auguſt, 1775.

Reſolved unanimouſly, THAT the grateful thanks of this company be given to EDMUND PENDLETON, eſq; for his very genteel preſent of a STAND of COLOURS, a DRUM, and two FIFES; and that we conſider this to be one, among many other, of his noble endeavours to ſupport the *cauſe of liberty and freedom*. By order of the company.

WILLIAM WOODFORD, captain.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD, at the next meeting of the merchants in Williamſburg, *by virtue of a deed of truſt made to the ſubſcribers*,

THE eſtate of *John Randolph*, eſq; his majeſty's attorney-general, conſiſting of his late dwelling-houſe within the ſaid city, and of the land adjoining, ſeveral very valuable family ſervants, and a variety of furniture. A year's credit will be allowed the purchaſers, they giving bond, with good ſecurity, to

PEYTON RANDOLPH.
(tf.) JOHN BLAIR,
JAMES COCKE.

HANOVER town, *October* 11, 1775.

I INTEND to leave the colony immediately. In my abſence, I do appoint mr. *Richard Burnley* my attorney.

JOHN BURNLEY.

A WOMAN who would act as a GOVERNESS to any genteel family, intending to *Great Britain*, may be employed, and will be well recommended, by applying to the printer for ſuch a perſon. She is deſirous of a paſſage home, and would willingly take the poſt above-mentioned. (1)

To be SOLD, on monday *the* 3 *th inſtant* (October) *at the dwelling-houſe of the late* James Burwell, *eſq; deceaſed, of* King's *creek*,

ALL the eſtate of the ſaid *Burwell* at that plantation, conſiſting of ſtocks of horſes, cattle, hogs, ſheep, *&c.* all the houſehold and kitchen furniture, the plantation utenſils, and a number of other valuable articles. Twelve months credit will be allowed the purchaſers, for all ſums exceeding 5 l. on giving bond with undoubted ſecurity; for all other ſums, ready money will be expected before the goods are delivered.----All perſons having any demands againſt mr. *Burwell* are deſired to ſend the ſame to the ſubſcriber, who is empowered by *York* court to ſettle ſaid eſtate.

WILLIAM RUSSELL.

To be SOLD in Glouceſter *county, at the plantation whereon* William Fleming *now lives, near the courthouſe, on* wedneſday *the 1ſt of* November, *if fair, otherwiſe next fair day*,

SEVENTY head of valuable cattle, among which are 8 good draught ſteers, 80 ſheep, 50 hogs, and 4 horſes; alſo a quantity of wheat and fodder. Twelve months credit will be allowed the purchaſers, on giving bond and approved ſecurity; the bonds, if not punctually diſcharged, to carry intereſt from the date.

GILES COOKE.

NORFOLK, *October* 12, 1775.

THE *ſubſcriber having been prevented from continuing his buſineſs, by a* moſt unjuſtifiable ſtretch of arbitrary power, *begs leave to inform the publick, that he has ſome expectations of procuring* a new ſet of materials, *which, if he ſhould be ſo fortunate as to ſucceed in, will enable him once more to appriſe his countrymen of the danger they may be in from the machinations and black deſigns of their common enemy. The particular place where the office will be erected is not yet fixed, but it will be ſo near* Norfolk *as to give him an opportunity of receiving the earlieſt and moſt authentick information of the proceedings of the gentlemen of the army and navy, and of ſounding the alarm whenever danger approaches. As his paper has hitherto been free and open to all parties, he intends to obſerve the ſame caution and impartiality in his future publications, and cannot but flatter himſelf that his conduct has been ſuch as will entitle him to the future encouragement of his ſubſcribers and the publick.*

JOHN HUNTER HOLT.

LEEDSTOWN, *October* 5, 1775.

JUST arrived, the *Saltſpring*, capt. *John Ogilvy*, with about 120 healthy ſervants; men, women, and boys. Among them are many nradeſmen, ſuch as carpenters and joiners, black and white-ſmiths, braſiers and copper-ſmiths, ſhoemakers, weavers, barbers, ſchoolmaſters, a tailor, a cabinet-maker, a wheelwright, a houſe painter, a calico printer, a dancing-maſter, and ſeveral others. There are alſo farmers, and other country labourers. The ſale will commence on *wedneſday* the 18th of *October*, at *Leedſtown*, on *Rappahannock* river, and be continued there four days. A reaſonable credit will be allowed the purchaſers, giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to

(2) THOMAS HODGE.

To be SOLD, *on* monday *the 23d inſtant, for ready money, at* Urbanna,

THAT moſt valuable negro man named MINNY, belonging to the eſtate of *Joſeph Pritchard*, deceaſed. He is ſuppoſed to be as good a ſkipper as any in the colony, is well acquainted with the bay, and all the rivers in *Virginia* and *Maryland*. A good title will be made by

(2) THE EXECUTORS.

To be SOLD, *purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of* James Balfour, *deceaſed, on tueſday the 31ſt inſtant* (October)

A TRACT of land in *Brunſwick* county, containing 940 acres, near *Fountain*'s creek, being the land formerly advertiſed. Credit will be allowed till *January* 1777 for one half the purchaſe money, and until *January* 1778 for the other half, the purchaſer giving bond, with approved ſecurity; the bonds to carry intereſt from the date, if not punctually diſcharged when they become due. Six per cent. diſcount, per annum, will be allowed for ready money.----Mr. *Eaton Haynes* is empowered to diſpoſe of the land, in caſe the executors ſhould not be able to attend the ſale. (2)

AUGUSTINE WILLIS,]
THOMAS EATON,] excutors.

To be rented for one year, or for a term of years.

STEWART's ordinary, in the upper end of *Suſſex* county, whereon is a tolerable good dwelling-houſe with four rooms below and two above, a kitchen, ſtable, garden, *&c.* a good ſtorehouſe, and compting-room. It would be needleſs to mention the advantages attending the ſituation of the place, as it is well known to moſt people in the ſouthern parts of the colony. Poſſeſſion will be given on the 24th of *December* next, by

CHARLES STEWART.

A LIST of the old TOBACCO remaining in *Conway*'s warehouſe, *Caroline* county, *Auguſt* 11, 1775.

One hhd. of transfer taken out by mr. *William Richards*, in the year 1771, marked GW, no. 2, groſs 1135, tare 97, neat 1038.

One hhd. of transfer taken out by mr. *Robert Garrett*, in the year 1773, marked GA, no. 20, groſs 1104, tare 95, neat 1009.

One hhd. inſpected by mr. *John Robinſon*, in the year 1773, marked IR, no. 710, groſs 962, tare 108, neat 854.

One hhd. inſpected by mr. *John Jones*, in the year 1774, marked II, no. 702, groſs 1059, tare 112, neat 947.

The order of Convention coming to hand too late for us to advertiſe the tobacco in the Gazette, we thought it beſt, to promote the ſale (as the time allowed for exporting grew ſhort) to advertiſe the ſame in the county, and appointed two ſales, but no purchaſers attended.

ALCOCK & WARE.

YORK TOWN, *October* 9, 1775.

WHEREAS I intend for *Great Britain* early in the enſuing ſpring, I propoſe ſelling the dwelling-houſe wherein I now live, with or without furniture, or an annuity for life, as may beſt ſuit a purchaſer. Two or three years credit will be allowed, bond being given with approved ſecurity, which is to bear intereſt from the time the bargain is concluded upon.

2 GEO. RIDDELL.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, living near the *Sugarloaf* mountain, in *Frederick* county, *Maryland*, two ſervants, *viz.* JOHN HUNTER, an *Engliſhman*, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, of a ſandy complexion, has ſhort brown hair, is a pretty good ſcholar, and it is likely will paſs for a ſchoolmaſter. He had on, and took with him, a blue and white homeſpun coat and waiſtcoat, white drill breeches, black ribbed worſted ſtockings, turned pumps with plated buckles, an old white ſhirt, and a coarſe hat with a red lining.---WILLIAM M'KINLAY, an *Iriſhman*, about 23 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a likely well ſet fellow, and has ſhort black curled hair. He had on when he went away a brown coat and green cloth waiſtcoat, white breeches, gray worſted ſtockings, turned pumps, a good white ſhirt, and a ſmall hat bound round with ferret. Whoever takes up the ſaid ſervants, and ſecures them in any jail, ſhall have EIGHT DOLLARS reward for each; and if brought home, reaſonable charges, paid by

2‖ FRANCIS THOMAS.

COMMITTED to *Norfolk* county jail, on the 8th of *March* laſt, a negro man, who ſays his name is DAVY, and that he belongs to *William Smith* on the eaſtern ſhore of *Maryland;* he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

(12) SAMUEL PORTLOCK, jailer.

COMMITTED to *Norfolk* county jail, on the 10th of *September* laſt, a ſlim negro man, who ſays his name is WILLIAM PARROT, that he is a freeman, and was born about a mile from *Williamſburg;* he is about 6 feet 2 inches high. His owner (if any) is deſired to take him away, and pay charges. (12)

SAMUEL PORTLOCK. jailer.

TAKEN up in *Caroline*, laſt *April*, a BLACK STONE COLT about four feet 3 inches high, appears to be about two years old laſt ſpring, has two white feet, but is neither dockt nor branded. I have had him cut. The owner may have him by applying to me, near the *Guinea* bridges.

WILLIAM ARNOLD.

THE committee of the county of *York* is deſired to meet at the courthouſe of the ſaid county, on *friday* the 10th of *November* next; at which time the ſeveral gentlemen appointed by the committee to collect money for any publick uſe are requeſted to produce their accounts, that they may be finally ſettled before the election of a new committee.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, clerk.

CABIN POINT, *September* 28, 1775.

WHEREAS I gave two bonds to *Stephen Sorsby* of *Surry* county, for a piece of land lying therein (one of 100l. payable *March* 1, 1774; the other for 200l. payable *March* 1, 1775) this is to forewarn all perſons from taking an aſſignment of the ſaid bonds, as I underſtand the land is entailed, and I am reſolved not to pay them until a good title is made.

FRANCIS MORELAND.

To be SOLD *at the meeting of the merchants in* October,

ALL mrs. *Rathell*'s ſtock in trade, conſiſting of many different articles. I requeſt all who are indebted to the ſaid mrs. *Rathell* will be ſo kind at this meeting as to pay off their accounts to *John Tazewell*, eſq; of this city, or to the ſubſcriber, at mrs. *Rathell*'s ſtore, who are authoriſed to receive ſuch debts.

M. BRODIE.

N. B. At the ſame time will be ſold a large bow window, with bars and ſhutters, ſome ſhow glaſſes, and glaſs caſes.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 5, 1775.

WANTED,

A GOOD negro BLACKSMITH, for whom a reaſonable price will be given.---Alſo a HOUSEKEEPER, who is a ſingle woman, and can come well recommended.-----Inquire of the PRINTER.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, on the 21ſt of *Auguſt* laſt, an *Engliſh* convict ſervant lad named JOHN SHAW, 18 or 19 years of age, about 5 feet high, has ſhort dark brown hair, a ſmooth face, only a remarkable ſcar on his forehead, juſt between his eye-brows, has loſt one of his eye teeth, which he ſays was pulled out when he was young, has a number of ſcars on his legs, and has a kind of a drag in his walk when tired. He took with him a good white ſhirt, oſnabrugs jacket and trouſers, a ſutty coloured ſilk handkerchief, one checked do. felt hat, and a pair of ſilver ſhoe buckles. He is a ſmooth-tongued fellow, and talks ſo plain that any perſon would take him to be country born. Whoever brings the ſaid ſervant to me, near *Weſtmoreland* courthouſe, or ſecures him in any of his majeſty's jails, ſhall have TEN DOLLARS reward.

WILLIAM MARMADUKE.

STRAYED from *York* town, about three months ago, a young BRIGHT BAY MARE 14 hands 3 inches high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, has ſome marks occaſioned by working in a cart and plough, trots and gallops, throwing her tail in an aukward manner, and is probably forward with foal. As ſhe was bred by col. *Syme* in *Newcaſtle*, ſhe may have gone that way. Whoever delivers her to mr. *George Dabney*, near the forks of *Hanover*, or to the ſubſcriber, ſhall have 20s. reward.

HUGH NELSON.

TAKEN up in *Cumberland*, two ſtrays, *viz.* one a BRINDLED HEIFER 3 years old, marked with a crop and ſlit in the right ear, and a ſmooth crop in the left; and a RED STEER 2 years old, marked with a crop and two ſlits in the right ear, and a ſlope in the upper ſide of the left. Poſted, and appraiſed, the heifer to 30s. and the ſteer to 20s.

‖ GEORGE CARRINGTON.

THE honourable COMMITTEE of SAFETY having appointed me commiſſary of proviſion to the two *Virginia* regiments, and inſtructed me to make my purchaſes as diffuſive as poſſible, I hereby give notice, that I will attend at *Fredericksburg* on *ſaturday* the 14th of *October*, at *Louiſa* courthouſe on *tueſday* the 17th, at *Gumberland* courthouſe on *thurſday* the 19th, at *Pride*'s ordinary, in *Amelia* county, near col. *Tabb*'s, on *ſaturday* the 21ſt, and at *Peterſburg* on *tueſday* the 24th of the ſame month, in order to contract or receive propoſals for BEEF, PORK, and FLOUR, for victualling the ſaid regiments; alſo a quantity of STALLED BEEF, to be delivered at different periods, from *January* till *June* next, and a large quantity of beef and pork, over and above the quantity neceſſary for ſaid regiments, to be laid in ſtore for future contingencies. I expect every perſon who has proviſions to diſpoſe of will come with their loweſt terms, as they will probably not meet with another opportunity, and that ſuch as I am not well acquainted with will provide good ſecurity for the performance of their contracts.

*** I want to purchaſe two good WAGGONS and TEAMS.

JOHN HAWKINS.

FREDERICKSBURG, *September* 6, 1775.

THE ſubſcriber intending to quit publick buſineſs after the firſt day of *January* next, would rent his houſe and lot in this town upon reaſonable terms, which would ſuit any perſon inclinable to keep TAVERN, it being ſituated in the centre of the town, and has been long accuſtomed by the firſt gentlemen of this and the neighbouring colonies. It is large and commodious, there are all convenient outhouſes, including a ſtorehouſe on the main ſtreet, an exceeding good garden, a well of fine water within a few ſteps of the door, a billiard table, *&c. &c.* Any perſon inclining to rent the ſame ſhall have the refuſal of all the liquors on hand, conſiſting of beſt *Madeira* wine, old arrack, port wine, and ſpirits, with any part of the houſehold and kitchen furniture; they giving bond, with approved ſecurity, for payment of the ſame.

All perſons indebted to me are deſired to ſettle their accounts, and give bonds for ſuch as they cannot conveniently diſcharge; and thoſe who have any demands againſt me will be pleaſed to make them known. (5) GEORGE WEEDON.

LOST *on the road between* Stratford *in* Weſtmoreland, *and col.* Thomas Ludwell Lee's, *the* 13*th inſtant, a* RED LEATHER POCKET-BOOK; *containing ſeveral letters and papers of conſequence, and* thirty odd pounds *paper currency of* Virginia. *Whoever has found the ſaid pocket-book, and will convey the ſame to col.* Lee *of* Stafford, *or doctor* George Steptoe *of* Weſtmoreland, *will be moſt amply rewarded.* *JAMES STEPTOE.*

TAKEN up in *Mecklenburg*, a black and white ſpotted BARROW about 3 years old, with a long tail, marked with a ſmooth crop in the right ear, and an underkeel, or half-moon, in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 22 s. 6d.

(2) REUBENS BRAME.

TAKEN up at my plantation near *Peterſburg*, in *Dinwiddie* county, a MOUSE-COLOURED HORSE about 10 years old, 14 hands high, with a ſtar in his forehead, his mane has been roached, but is ſince grown out, and hangs on each ſide, paces naturally, is cat-hammed, and branded on the near ſhoulder AN in a piece. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l.

ROBERT NEWSUM.

To be SOLD *at* Stratford, *the ſeat of the late honourable* Philip Ludwell Lee, *eſq; in* Weſtmoreland *county, on* Thurſday *the* 19*th of* October *next*,

THE famous high-blooded horſe DOTTEREL, greatly diſtinguiſhed on the turf in *England*, and in high eſtimation in this country for getting foals of beauty and form, whoſe pedigree will be ſhewn on the day.----At the ſame time and place will be ſold, a conſiderable number of COLTS and FILLIES from *Dotterel*. ---Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſers giving bond with approved ſecurity to the adminiſtrators; and if the money is not punctually paid when due, the bonds are to carry intereſt from the date.

N. B. Five per cent diſcount will be allowed for ready money.

WANTED to the battalion of minute, men in the lower end of the *Northern Neck*, an ADJUTANT who is well acquainted with the duty of that office, agreeable to the order or directions of his majeſty in the year 1764. As this is the only officer in the minute ſervice whoſe pay will be conſtant for nine months in the year, it is hoped ſuch as are qualified will readily engage. Alſo wanted, a DRUMMER and FIFER, who can teach others the duty, to act as drum and fife-majors. The CHAPLAIN's place to ſaid battalion is not yet engaged.

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on monday *the* 16*th of* October, *at* York,

FIVE hogſheads of TOBACCO, ſaved out of 14 delivered to mr. *Edward Hughes*'s man *Iſaac*, to be put on board the *Proſpect*, capt. *Norwood*, but drove on ſhore, and damaged in the late ſtorm.

JAMES MILLS, *&* co.

ESSEX county, *September* 10, 1775.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, about the middle of *July* laſt, a *Virginia* born negro lad named NED, who is about 18 years of age, and about 5 feet high; one of his hands has a large ſcar, occaſioned by its being burnt when he was a child, by which means ſome of his fingers grow together. He has a flat face and long head, which is remarkably ſharp on the top. His clothes were ſuch as is common for working negroes, and he was ſeen going down the country. Whoever will ſecure the ſaid negro, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have a reward of 40 s. beſides what the law allows.

(tf) JAMES EDMONDSON.

YORK TOWN, *September* 19, 1775.

RUN away from col. *Philip Rootes*, of *King & Queen*, a negro man named HARRY, who ſome years ago was mortgaged to the hon. *William Nelſon*. It is with good reaſon ſuſpected that he is lurking about *Weſt Point*, and that he is harboured by ſome of col. *Thomas Moore*'s negroes. Whoever ſecures and delivers the ſaid negro, either to col. *Rootes* or to one of us, ſhall have 40 s. reward.

(tf) THE EXECUTORS.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, at *Weſt Point*, in *King William* county, the 21ſt of laſt *December*, a very likely *Virginia* born negro man, named MIKE, about 22 years old, ſix feet high, and ſtutters much; had on, when he went away, a ſuit of negro cotton, but may probably change his clothes. I forewarn all maſters of veſſels from carrying him out of the colony. Whoever brings the ſaid negro to me ſhall have 3l. reward, beſides what the law allows, and if taken out of the colony 10l. (tf.) JOHN WEST.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, in *Glouceſter* county, on the 14th of this inſtant (*May*) a negro man named NED, about 19 or 20 years of age, five feet two or three inches high, rather of a tawny complexion, has ſome ringworms on his face, and ſome white hairs in his head; his clothing was an old brown coat, and a yellow ſtriped cotton waiſtcoat. I bought him laſt *March* at the ſale of mr. *John Shermer* in *James City* county, for *Mann Page*, junior, eſquire. He was brought from one of his quarters in *King William* county, and I have reaſon to believe that he will go to theſe parts, or to his mother, who lives with mr. *Thomas Booth*, in *Richmond* town. Any perſon who will take up the ſaid ſlave, and ſecure him ſo that I get him again, ſhall be paid 40 s. by *Mann Page*, junior, eſquire, to whom the negro belongs.

(tf) JAMES JONES.

TAKEN up by the ſubſcriber in *Caroline*, near the *Reedy* mill, a BLACK STEER about two years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a crop and underkeel in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 27 s. 6 d.

SAMUEL NORMENT.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 3000 acres, whereon is a plantation which has employed, for ſome years paſt, twelve or fourteen ſlaves; this tract lies in the upper end of *King William* county. Alſo a tract lying in the lower end of the ſaid county, containing 1100 acres, and pleaſantly ſituated on *Pamunkey* river; a brick dwelling-houſe, with neceſſary offices, a fiſhing ſhore, and a lively fertility of ſoil, recommend the latter tract to any gentleman who may be about to ſettle in life. Poſſeſſion will be delivered on the 25th of *December* next, to the purchaſer, or purchaſers, who will have liberty of ſowing fall grain. Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, jun. of *Orange*, will make known particulars to any perſon who may be inclined to purchaſe the whole, or any part of the ſaid tracts. Credit till the firſt of *January* 1777 will be allowed, by

JUDITH ROBINSON.
(tf.) LUCY ROBINSON,
BENJAMIN GRYMES, jun.

To be SOLD *in* Amherſt *county*,

FOUR THOUSAND acres of exceeding good tobacco LAND, being part of a large tract formerly adverтiſed, together with a very valuable griſtmill, upon *Buffalo* river. This land is equal to any that has yet been ſold of the tract. The time of payment will be made agreeable to purchaſers. Mr. *Gabriel Penn*, who lives near the land, is authoriſed to bargain for it, and will ſhow it to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe.

(tf) CARTER BRAXTON.

For SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Caroline* county, near *Newmarket*, containing about 3000 acres of well timbered land, having thereon two plantations, in good repair, with proper and convenient edifices for farming, or making tobacco. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber.

(tf) JOHN BAYLOR

For SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Caroline* county, contiguous to *Mattapony*, containing about 2000 acres of well timbered land, the property of mr. *Robert Baylor*. The terms may be known by applying to mr. *Nathaniel Burwell* in *King William*, mr. *John Armiſtead* in *Caroline*, or mr. *John Baylor*, executors. (tf)

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PHILADELPHIA, *September* 28.

The following letters are published by order of the Honourable Continental Congress.

HEAD-QUARTERS, CAMBRIDGE, *August* 11, 1775.

SIR,

I UNDERSTAND that the officers engaged in the cause of liberty and their country, who by the fortune of war have fallen into your hands, have been thrown indiscriminately into a common jail, appropriated for felons; that no consideration has been had for those of the most respectable rank, when languishing with wounds and sickness; that some of them have been even amputated in this unworthy situation.

"Let your opinion, sir, of the principle which actuates them be what it may, they suppose they act from the noblest of all principles, a love of freedom and their country. But political opinions, I conceive, are foreign to this point. The obligations arising from the rights of humanity, and claims of rank, are universal, binding and extensive, except in case of retaliation. These, I should have hoped, would have dictated a more tender treatment of those individuals, whom chance or war had put in your power. Nor can I forbear suggesting its fatal tendency to widen that unhappy breach, which you, and those ministers under whom you act, have repeatedly declared you wish to see for ever closed.

"My duty now makes it necessary to apprise you, that for the future I shall regulate my conduct towards those gentlemen who are, or may be, in our possession, exactly by the rule you shall observe towards those of ours now in your custody.

"If severity and hardship mark the line of your conduct (painful as it may be to me) your prisoners will feel its effects; but if kindness and humanity are shewn to ours, I shall with pleasure consider those in our hands only as unfortunate, and they shall receive from me that treatment to which the unfortunate are ever entitled.

"I beg to be favoured with an answer as soon as possible, and am, sir, your very humble servant,

GEORGE WASHINGTON."

His excellency general GAGE.

SIR, BOSTON, *August* 13, 1775.

TO the glory of civilized nations, humanity and war have been compatible; and compassion to the subdued is become almost a general system.

Britons, ever pre-eminent in mercy, have outgone common example, and overlook the criminal in the captive. Upon these principles, your prisoners, whose lives, by the laws of the land, are destined to the cord, have hitherto been treated with care and kindness, and more comfortably lodged than the king's troops in the hospitals; inadvertently it is true, for I acknowledge no rank that is not derived from the king.

My intelligence from your army would justify severe recrimination. I understand there are of the king's faithful subjects, taken some time since by the rebels, labouring like negro slaves to gain their daily subsistence, or reduced to the wretched alternative to perish by famine or take arms against their king and country. Those who have made the treatment of the prisoners in my hands, or of your other friends in Boston, a pretence for such measures, found barbarity upon falsehood.

I would willingly hope, sir, that the sentiments of liberality, which I have always believed you to possess, will be exerted to correct these misdoings. Be temperate in political disquisition, give free operation to truth, and punish those who deceive and misrepresent; and not only the effects, but the causes, of this unhappy conflict, will be removed.

Should those under whose usurped authority you act controul such a disposition, and dare to call severity retaliation, to God, who knows all hearts, be the appeal for the dreadful consequences. I trust that British soldiers, asserting the rights of the state, the laws of the land, the being of the constitution, will meet all events with becoming fortitude. They will court victory with the spirit their cause inspires, and from the same motive will find the patience of martyrs under misfortune.

Till I read your insinuations in regard to ministers, I conceived that I had acted under the king, whose wishes, it is true, as well as those of his ministers, and of every honest man, have been to see this unhappy breach for ever closed; but, unfortunately for both countries, those who long since projected the present crisis, and influence the councils of America, have views very distant from accommodation.

I am, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS GAGE.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, *esq;*

HEAD QUARTERS, CAMBRIDGE, *August* 19, 1775.

SIR,

I ADDRESSED you on the 11th instant, in terms which gave the fairest scope for the exercise of that humanity and politeness which were supposed to form a part of your character. I remonstrated with you on the unworthy treatment shewn to the officers and citizens of America, whom the fortune of war, chance, or a mistaken confidence, had thrown into your hands.

"Whether British or American mercy, fortitude, and patience, are most pre-eminent; whether our virtuous citizens, whom the hand of tyranny has forced into arms, to defend their wives, their children, and their property, or the mercenary instruments of lawless domination, avarice, and revenge, best deserve the appellation of rebels, and the punishment of that cord which your affected clemency has forborn to inflict; whether the authority under which I act is usurped, or founded upon the genuine principles of liberty, were altogether foreign to the subject. I purposely avoided all political disquisition: Nor shall I now avail myself of those advantages which the sacred cause of my country, of liberty, and human nature, give me over you; much less shall I stoop to retort and invective. But the intelligence you say you have received from our army requires a reply. I have taken time, sir, to make a strict inquiry, and find it has not the least foundation in truth. Not only your officers and soldiers have been treated with a tenderness due to fellow-citizens and brethren, but even those execrable parricides, whose councils and aid have deluged their country with blood, have been protected from the fury of a justly enraged people. Far from compelling or permitting their assistance, I am embarrassed with the numbers who crowd to our camp, animated with the purest principles of virtue, and love of their country. You advise me to give free operation to truth, to punish misrepresentation and falsehood. If experience stamps value upon counsel, yours must have a weight which few can claim. You best can tell how far the convulsion which has brought such ruin on both countries, and shaken the mighty empire of Britain to its foundation, may be traced to these malignant causes.

" You affect, ſir, to deſpiſe all rank not derived from the ſame ſource with your own. I cannot conceive one more honourable than that which flows from the uncorrupted choice of a brave and free people, the pureſt ſource, and original fountain, of all power. Far from making it a plea for cruelty, a mind of true magnanimity, and enlarged ideas, would comprehend and reſpect it.

" What may have been the miniſterial views which have precipitated the preſent criſis, Lexington, Concord, and Charleſtown, can beſt declare. May that God, to whom you then appealed, judge between America and you. Under his providence, thoſe who influence the councils of America, and all the other inhabitants of the United Colonies, at the hazard of their lives, are determined to hand down to poſterity thoſe juſt and invaluable privileges which they received from their anceſtors.

" I ſhall now, ſir, cloſe my correſpondence with you, perhaps for ever. If your officers, our priſoners, receive a treatment from me different from what I wiſhed to ſhow them, they and you will remember the occaſion of it.

I am, ſir, your moſt obedient humble ſervant
G. WASHINGTON."

General GAGE.

September 30. *The New York poſt, which arrived this afternoon, has brought the Auguſt packet, by which we have received advices to the firſt of that month. The London Chronicle of the 29th of July contains general Gage's account of the battle at Bunker's hill, in which he ſays he had 19 commiſſioned officers killed, and 70 wounded; 16 non-commiſſioned officers killed, and 52 wounded; 191 privates killed, and 706 wounded. Adminiſtration, in order to amuſe the people, has given out that the Americans had 5000 killed and taken. The following paragraphs are all the printer has time to give his readers this evening.*

LONDON, *Auguſt* 1.

IT is ſaid that clothing for 3000 troops, Canadians, was ſent off yeſterday, and that the ſame contractor has orders for fitting up 7000 more, with all poſſible deſpatch.

We are aſſured, that a ſubſidiary treaty has been entered into, theſe ſix weeks paſt, with a German prince, for 10,000 of his troops to be tranſported to New York and Boſton, by the end of Auguſt. Such tranſports as are already engaged are ordered forthwith to be victualled, and to ſail immediately to Embden. Five frigates, deſtined to reinforce the ſquadron on the coaſt of America, are to take the tranſports under their convoy. The foreign troops are to be commanded by a general of their own nation, well known for his good conduct in the laſt war.

Extract of a letter from Chatham, *July* 26.

" This morning early an expreſs arrived here from the hon. navy board to commiſſioner Proby, for the ſhipwrights and caulkers for this dockyard to work two tides a day extra, in order to forward the ſhips, with all expedition, that are now fitting out at this port for America.

" His majeſty's ſhip Centurion of 50 guns, Roebuck of 44 guns, and Liverpool of 28 guns, now commiſſioned for America, are ordered to be ſheathed as ſoon as poſſible."

Extract of a letter from Portſmouth, *July* 28.

" A ſmall ſhip came to Spithead laſt night. When the cuſtom-houſe boat was going on board, the captain of the ſhip told them he would fire on them if they did not keep off. A boat then went from the admiral's ſhip, but they would not let the officer go on board. The captain and one gentleman came on ſhore, and went in poſt-chaiſes and four for London.

" Arrived the Magdalen ſchooner from Virginia, with deſpatches, and lady Dunmore and family; this morning they ſet out for London. No intelligence can be had from this veſſel relative to American affairs, as the officers on board will not ſuffer any boat to come near them.

" Came into harbour, to dock and refit, the Worceſter of 64 guns, Robinſon, and the Weaſel ſloop of war, Warren.

" Yeſterday ſeveral parties of marines went into the country on the recruiting ſervice.

" We hear that orders are come down for all the marines at this port to hold themſelves in readineſs to embark for America, on the ſhorteſt notice."

Yeſterday ſeveral promotions of military officers were made at St. James's, in the room of thoſe killed in America, and for the augmentation of troops which are ordered to hold themſelves in readineſs to embark for America, to reinforce the army under general Gage.

A privy council is ſummoned to meet at St. James's to-morrow, ſaid to be on American affairs.

It is ſaid general Gage is recalled at his own requeſt, and that he will be ſucceeded by ſir Jeffery Amherſt.

Yeſterday orders were given at the cabinet council for five more regiments to be got ready, with all expedition, in order to embark for Boſton.

Laſt night an expreſs was ſent off to Ireland, with orders for two regiments to be in readineſs againſt the tranſports arrive there, who are to carry them over to Boſton.

Yeſterday ſeveral more ſhips were taken up in the tranſport ſervice, to carry proviſions, &c. to the troops at Boſton.

This morning four ſhips that are taken up in the tranſport ſervice came out of dock, and are ordered to drop down to Deptford, to take on board there ſtores, &c. in order to proceed to Boſton.

Yeſterday four houſes of rendezvous were opened at Rotherhithe, for the purpoſe of entering ſeamen to man the ſhips now fitting out for America.

From the LONDON GAZETTE of July 31.

At a court at St. James's, the 26th day of July, 1775, preſent the king's moſt excellent majeſty in council.

His majeſty in council was this day pleaſed to order, that the parliament, which ſtands prorogued to thurſday the 27th inſtant, ſhould be farther prorogued to thurſday the 14th of September next.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 13.

WE hear it from the beſt authority, that major CHARLES LYNCH, of Bedford, has juſt diſcovered many rocks of GENUINE SALTPETRE in that county; which will remove every obſtacle to that gentleman's furniſhing the county with GUNPOWDER, he having had a mill for the manufactory thereof erected for ſome time, with which he has already made conſiderable quantities.

We have intelligence that general SCHUYLER, having taken poſſeſſion of St. John's and Montreal, is on his march to Quebeck, which there is little doubt of his being able to make himſelf maſter of likewiſe, he being daily joined by great numbers of Canadians.

*** *The* CONSTITUTIONAL POST *being now eſtabliſhed, all letters for the Northward, or that are to be forwarded to the different parts of this colony, North or South Carolina, Georgia, &c. muſt be ſent to my office, the Hon.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *eſq; having been pleaſed to appoint me poſtmaſter in Williamſburg, under the authority of the* GENERAL CONGRESS. *ALEXANDER PURDIE.*